

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 with the following:

In Fig. 2, in perspective bottom view, a pallet 1 according to the invention is shown, in which the underside 11 of the top deck 2 can be seen, provided with a honeycomb structure 11a 12 built up from ribs, for enhancing the bearing capacity and weight reduction. Further, the stringers 6 with supports 7 and bearing elements 8 can be clearly seen. The bearing elements 8 are interconnected by cross supports 12 belonging to the bearing construction 3, which interconnect the upper ends of the bearing elements 8 remote from the supports 7, and which cross supports 12 have a longitudinal direction Q, represented in Fig. 2 by arrow Q. The longitudinal direction Q of the cross supports 12 extends approximately at right angles to the longitudinal direction L of the stringers 6, so that the bearing construction has a substantially rectangular base plane. The sizes thereof correspond, for instance, to the dimension of the base of a Europallet, although any other suitable size can be used too.

On page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 with the following:

In Fig. 4, schematically, in bottom view, a top deck 2 for a pallet 1 according to the invention is shown, with, next to it, a first supporting element 14 and a second supporting element 21. Here, the honeycomb structure 11a 12 is clearly visible, as well as three channel-shaped elements 22, provided on both sides with grooves 23 in which the supporting elements 21 can be received. Between these grooves 23 the tubular edges 19 are clearly visible which can be pressed in the box-like open upper side 20 of the bearing elements 8. In the exemplary embodiment shown, the edges 19 are provided with clamping projections 24 extending outwardly and which can engage below the upper edges 25 of the upper ends 20 of the bearing elements 8 for obtaining a fixed connection between the top deck 2 and the bearing construction 3. It will be clear that then, the supporting elements 21 are locked in the grooves 23 between the top deck 2 and the cross supports 12. Preferably, the bottom surfaces of the cross supports 12 are at some distance from the top deck 2, so that rigidifying tubular profiles are obtained.